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Desert Hawk Gold Corporation
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Subject: Project Status, Desert Hawk Gold Corp., Cactus Mill Mine, M/045/0049, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Havenstrite:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining last sent a review of the revised Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (Notice) for the Cactus Mill on May 19, 2010, and a response was received June 9, 2010. Since that time the Division has focused on the Kiewit project, and there have been various comments that operations at the Cactus Mill may be substantially different than proposed or that Desert Hawk may not proceed with this project.

Could you please confirm whether you would like the Division to proceed with its review of the Cactus Mill plan as it is now constituted?

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. Please call Leslie Heppler at 801-538-5257 or me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

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